TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 392 - HB 909

March 4, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the transfer of students, including adult students, from the one LEA to another LEA, only if the receiving LEA has the available classroom space, teaching capacity, and transportation for the additional students. Requires local boards of education to admit students from outside their geographic jurisdiction without the approval of the transferring student's prior local education agency (LEA) if the receiving LEA has the capacity to receive such students. Requires local boards of education to arrange for the transfer of students residing within their geographic jurisdiction to schools located outside their district and to enter into agreements with other LEAs to effectuate the transfer or admission of students from one LEA to another.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, LEAs do not authorize students from outside their geographic jurisdiction to attend schools within their LEA unless the receiving LEA has the capacity to receive such students.
- This bill will not prohibit transfer students from being charged additional tuition and fees by the receiving LEA as authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3104(c), therefore it is unlikely to change the number of students seeking to enroll in a school outside of their resident school district.
- Any additional shift in state and local Basic Education Program (BEP) funding from one LEA to another as a result of additional student transfers is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in local revenue as a result of additional transfer students paying tuition and fees to the receiving LEA is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in local expenditures to create additional transfer agreements is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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